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Classified By: Polcouns Casey Christensen, for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

(c) Polcouns delivered January 24 reftel demarche urging EU consensus support for a "no" vote on the proposed Human Rights Council resolution on Gaza to MFA Director for International Law and Human Rights Bosse Hedberg. Hedberg said EU states were still deliberating their position. He understood that efforts supported by EU member states to achieve a more balanced text at the HRC had not been successful. Hedberg thought the EU votes would ultimately come out on the "no" column, although at least one EU state wanted to abstain. The internal EU debate was on agreeing an explanation of vote that would accommodate those reluctant otherwise to vote "no."

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